

**In the Abstract:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus involving releasing the rotor (1) and turning it to and fixing it at top dead center, attaching an extractor head to an exposed end of the hammer axle. A cross-piece (2.1) is applied and a releasable element of a ~~earriage~~ slide (2.4) of a hammer axle puller is pulled, making a releasable connection between cross-piece and rotor attachment elements. The ~~earriage~~ slide is moved to a position in which the puller head is connected to the ~~earriage~~ slide in a shape-locking manner, securing the hammer position, returning the carriage whilst extracting the hammer axle (1.5) to release the hammer. The connection between the head and ~~earriage~~ slide is released, moving the ~~earriage~~ slide until the head and ~~earriage~~ slide re-engage and returning the ~~earriage~~ slide again to extract the hammer axle until the entire hammer and/or protective cap (1.4) and axle if appropriate are extracted. An Independent claim is also included for an arrangement for implementing the method.

### **In the Drawings**

Applicant submits concurrently with this Reply a communication to the Draftsperson concerning corrections in each of Figures 1-3. No new matter has been added. Applicant requests that the Examiner approve these changes to the drawings and enter the Figures as formal Drawings.

Attachment: Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (3 sheets, Figs. 1-3)  
Proposed Drawing Correction  
Drawings (3 sheets, Figs. 1-5)